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[For information on the establishment of schools and medical clinics in Libya by the Italian government for the benefit of the Bedouins, see Categories 175 and 648.]

593 cerned with his own and his group's status in marriage arrange-
[584] ments. One informant said that a rich man must marry into a
[581] rich group. The Bedouin have a saying which is relevant here:
*[613] "Your bait is equal to the bait into which you marry." Before her marriage the girl's duty toward her father is to respect and obey him. After her marriage "her only duty is that she
•[758] must visit him from time to time. If he becomes sick, and he has no wife, she must care for him and nurse him."

593 834 It was a common sight to see a Bedouin father fondle his daughter of age six years or younger, but beyond this age physical intimacy ceases. The Bedouin say that a father should not kiss or hold on his knee a daughter over the age of eleven. After the girl marries, a definite avoidance custom characterizes the father-daughter role relationship. The Bedouin say that the father will not see the face of his daughter after her marriage. This means that the married daughter remains veiled before her father, and even before her older brothers. This type of avoidance custom is rare by comparison with the cross-cultural data (Driver 1966).

593 A wife obeys her husband concerning all matters: "she does not even leave the house without his permission." A woman may go and complain to her father if her husband does not provide for her, i.e., with food and clothing, or if he unjustly beats her or continually threatens to beat her. On the other hand, if a woman is in the wrong "it is